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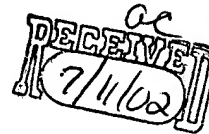
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Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 25 cannot be anticipated by Yamakoshi et al. Claim 53 is an apparatus claim corresponding to method claim 25. Thus, the remarks made above with respect to claim 25 are equally applicable thereto.

Claim 60 recites a method for determining systematic time delays in the writing of trigger patterns on a storage medium of a storage device. The method comprises taking a plurality of measurements of at least one trigger pattern at a plurality of radial positions, and using the measurements to determine at least one systematic time delay.

Applicants submit that Yamakoshi et al. fails to disclose, for example, the taking step of claim 60. In fact, a computer search of Yamakoshi et al. reveals that the term "trigger pattern" is not even used. Thus, Applicants question how Yamakoshi et al. could possibly disclose taking a plurality of measurements of at least one trigger pattern at a plurality of radial positions, as claimed in claim 60. Moreover, Yamakoshi et al. also could not disclose using those measurements, let alone using them to determine at least one systematic time delay, as claimed in claim 60.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 60 cannot be anticipated by Yamakoshi et al. Claim 66 is an apparatus claim corresponding to method claim 60. Thus, the remarks made above with respect to claim 60 are equally applicable thereto.

Applicants submit that the dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they directly or ultimately depend, as well as for their additional limitations.

For example, claim 26 recites that detecting the one or more circumferential systematic errors comprises computing an integral correction value for a time interval, wherein a non-zero integral indicates a circumferential error. Applicants submit there is nothing in Yamakoshi et al. regarding an integral correction value, and the Office Action